

Large Crowd of Shoppers Thronged Stores During Day and Streets Had Circus Day Appearance--Conditions Ideal for Event--Trade Week to be Observed.

force, Still, many had to wait hours, so dense was the traffic in some.

A great many merchants, profiting from their experience of last year, put on special values at intervals. The big department stores had special sales in ten minutes, but after a while another lot would go on, thus keeping up the interest for the greater part of the day. In every respect the day seemed more satisfactory than last year, but it remains to be seen whether the special sales were as large as last year. For one thing the merchants have been paying much greater prices for their goods, and therefore could not offer as great inducements as a year ago—but the value for money comparison was better.

In addition to advertising the city as a shopping center, Dollar Day drew attention to the coming fair which will begin October 24 and continue night and day for four days. The merchants have decided to turn the days into a trade week, and more specials will be placed on sale. Hickory merchants are making these big reductions for the purpose of advertising the community, and there was every indication that the holiday had been a big day appreciated the spirit which actuated the merchants.

CHINESE-JAPANESE SQUABBLE OVER FISH

(By Associated Press.)
London, Oct. 12. —Controversy concerning the price of fish is reported to have been the immediate cause of the conflict between Japanese and Chinese soldiers at Cheng-tsun on August 13, which resulted in the death of eleven soldiers and the injury of many others.

A Japanese drug clerk who was arrested by a Chin from a Chinese boy referred to the price asked, and gave the boy a beating. Chinese soldiers resented the attack made upon the boy by the Japanese, and handled the drug clerk roughly.

The disgruntled Japanese reported to Japanese officials that he had been mistreated by Chinese soldiers without reasons. A Japanese gentleman was detailed to make an investigation, and reported that his efforts to get information at the Chinese barracks had been resisted. A lieutenant and twenty privates were detailed by the Japanese commanding officer to proceed to the Chinese barracks and obtain satisfaction.

Two sentries at the Chinese barracks refused the Japanese troops admission. The Chinese insisted that the Japanese lieutenant gave orders for his soldiers to use force.

Revs. W. C. Lyerly of Mount Pleasant and A. S. Peeler of Lenoir are visiting Rev. J. L. Murphy and attending the missionary meeting.

**University Name Plate,
Removed Many Years Ago,
Returned to Institution**

(By Associated Press.)

Chapel Hill, Oct. 12.—The return today to the University of North Carolina of a copper plate which was on the corner stone of the Old East building, when it was laid on October 12, 1795, featured the celebration of University Day here. The presentation was made by A. B. Andrews, grand master of the North Carolina grand lodge of Masons.

The plate, which seems to have been removed from the university during reconstruction days following the civil war, was found several days ago in a pile of junk at Clarksville, Tenn., by T. B. Foust, owner of the foundry, and an alumnus of the university.

Mr. Foust decided to return the plate to the university, but thought its return under the auspices of the grand lodge would be more suitable.

The inscription on the plate states that "Richard Williamson, Dave, grand master of the North Carolina grand lodge, and a trustee of the University, on the 12th day of October, in the year of Masonry, 5793, and the 18th year of American independence laid the corner stone of the edifice."

William Richardson Davie at one time was the United States commissioner to France, a United States senator and governor of North Carolina.

"To be reliable and most useful, criminal statistics must be so correlated as to represent a continuous record of the behavior of the offender and of the procedure of treatment, beginning with his first over act, the report of the offense, apprehension, preliminary custody, trial, conditional liberation, incarceration, under sentence, conditions discharge, and after-care. The criminal is a unit, like the policeman; so should the process be, and so should the statistics. The facts we gather and tabulate should approximately the freshness and fullness of a physician's case description. As corollaries, it is plain that the terms and classifications, as well as possible, must be standardized and uniformity in the facts compiled in different states should agree with their main outlines. The cogs must fit.

"Our criminal statistics must be useful from the standpoint of both administration and independent research. We will remain in the present inferior position back of the leading professor, the practitioner, the judge and police chief, get her heads together,

"It appears to be desirable that a committee be created by appointment by appropriate national groups to aid in the establishment or improvement of a standard and in the standardization of their statistics. I submit that the American Prison Association should take the lead in the creation of such a general committee. In support of this proposal you are reminded of the fact that good criminal statistics are necessary for intelligent legislation and administration. What is said to be the largest item in the public budget, that for combatting crime, should not be spent in ignorance."

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Oct. 12.—Eight or more steamships, flying the flags of the neutral nations, are awaiting advice from agents of those governments as to whether it is now safe to leave this port for Europe in view of the possible danger from the German submarine U-53.

No information has been received from the submarine today. Shipping men are inclined to believe she is on the way to her base, probably Helgoland.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 12.—The Southern Railway today abandoned its appeal to the supreme court from a verdict of the North Carolina court awarding \$3,500 damages to relatives of Kemp Saunders, killed at Thomsville, N. C., while erecting a signal system.

Special sermon Sunday, October 15th, at Presbyterian church to all members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. order. Please tell your neighbors and bring your friends with you.

J. W. BALLEW,
Councillor.
M. G. CROUCH, Rec. Secretary.

Mr. Carl Moose of Mt. Pleasant brought an automobile load of delegates to the woman's meeting and is high in his praises of Hickory.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 12.—While no immediate steps are in contemplation for the actual establishment of a naval neutrality patrol along the Atlantic coast as a result of the German submar raid, the navy department has completed preparation for a definite plan if the raid should be repeated.

The entire destroyer force, active and reserve, assisted by light cruisers, navy tugs and other auxiliary craft, would be detailed to protect American territorial waters and also to prevent the establishment of any secret base ashore or communication between shore radio stations and the belaguered craft.

The possibility of mobilizing the force of privately owned motor boats along the coasts which have been enrolled with their crews as a part of the naval reserves were first considered, but various obstacles were encountered. Naval officers and men already have been assigned to reserve ships for service if necessary.

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Oct. 12.—The anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus as a holiday here coincided today with the fifth game in the series between the Bostonians and Brooklyn Nationals. The result, officials declared, was likely to be the biggest crowd in the history of world series baseball.

The attendance of 43,200 in the series last year has not yet been broken.

While the thoughts of the players turned in part to the money consideration, the Boston players were hopeful of winding up the contest.

Lenoir, Oct. 12.—Belief that the Southern Railway Company had acquired the Carolina and North-Western Railroad was strengthened this afternoon when Vice-President H. W. Miller, Chief Engineer Gatling and E. H. Shaw, assistant freight traffic manager, passed through town in a special train for Edgemont. Although the railroad men have not confirmed the report, it is believed that the Southern has acquired this road and will extend it across to other connections.

(By Associated Press.)
Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 12.—T. D. Smith of Schoolfield, Va., private in the first Virginia infantry, was struck by a train Wednesday, 14 miles north of here, and instantly killed. The body was identified today. According to regimental headquarters, Smith was absent without leave at the time of the accident.

WEATHER
For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday; warmer except on the northeast coast; moderate northeast winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Oct. 11	1916	1915
Maximum	67	68
Minimum	35	33
Mean	51	50 1/2

(By Associated Press.)
Washington Oct. 12.—Government officials were pondering today the question of whether the United States shall acknowledge the submarine said off Nantucket last Sunday as legal.

The problem was considered particularly important, not because of that arid, but because it would establish a precedent for future raids on the coast.

Rear Admiral Gleeves, commanding the Atlantic destroyer flotilla, reported today his personal belief that no steamer Kingston or Kingstonian was sunk by the German submarine off Nantucket lightship. After several days of search the destroyer force has found no evidences of a ship of that name. The admiral's report follows:

(By Associated Press.)
Deming, N. M., Oct. 12.—Nineteen Mexicans held by the army authorities at Columbia Dublin in connection with the Columbus raid have been indicted by the Luna county grand jury, it became known today. All are charged with murder.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 12.—The American consul at St. Thomas reported today that the hurricane which swept the Danish West Indies Monday and Tuesday caused damage of \$2,000,000 and left two-thirds of the native islanders in need of food, clothing and shelter.

What is reported to have been a serious assault occurred on the main highway south of Hickory today between Mr. Jones Abernethy and Mr. Bruce Rockett, prominent citizens of the county, the result being that Mr. Rockett was jabbed in the head with a weapon that resembled, so

was said, that she could not go to school any longer. Two years ago Mr. Rockett, who is ordinarily a Democrat split his ticket, and voted for some Republicans. Mr. Abernethy is said to be a Republican, and he is also a member of the school committee.

Drive for Trieste Successful, Though Austria Claims Reoccupation of Trenches--Greek Government Surrenders Fleet to Entente Powers--Lull in Fighting on Somme.

(By Associated Press.)
The reported success of the Italians in breaking the Austrian line to several points southeast of Gorizia and the steady renewal of the Italian drive towards Trieste is declared in dispatches from Rome. The Italian drive, according to entente correspondents, was effected in spite of Austrian reinforcements.
Vienna in its latest statement claims that the Italians have been driven out of many places they had penetrated and that severe fighting is in progress. The Austrians captured 4,000 prisoners, Vienna declares.
Rome has reported the capture of more than 5,000 Austrians in the last two days.
Latest reports from Greece are that the Greek authorities have yielded to the entente demands for the turning over of the Greek fleet; also the facilities for the defense of the entente forces operating in that country.
A lull again seems to have set in along the Somme front in northern France following the successful gains of the French and British.
South of Gorizia the Austrian line was broken between Tobar and Verboia, according to Rome, and on the

West Hickory, through its board of aldermen, has adopted the identical franchise granted by the city of Hickory to the Southern Public Utilities Company of Charlotte, and the franchise needs to be passed on second reading to become binding. Action was taken Tuesday night. The revenue to the town will amount to three-fourths of one per cent and the franchise will extend for a period of 30 years. Mr. Geo. T. Barger is mayor and presiding officer of the board and Mr. C. W. Bagby is attorney.

Highland is expected to take up the franchise question at an early date, and it is likely that all the towns about Hickory will secure identical rates.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 12.—Health of the national guards and regular army troops on the Mexican border showed an improvement for the present week

Rev. S. D. McAbee of Brookford has accepted a call as pastor of Winkler's Grove Baptist church, effective Sunday, October 22. His preaching days will be the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Rev. W. W. Rowe of Newton ran up yesterday to look upon the mission day meeting.

Interesting Disc Feature the Session

The address was given by Mrs. Hoy, a returned missionary from China. Mrs. Hoy proved a most interesting and entertaining speaker. In beginning her address Mrs. Hoy told of the turmoil and confusion China was in when she left last June; of how on the day she sailed the news came of the death of the ruler; and how the 25,000 soldiers dispersed and went back home. She told of the present head of the republic, a man in whom the people have great confidence and of whom great things are expected.

In speaking of her own particular work, Mrs. Hoy told of what the girls in her school had taught—how to cook, how to be efficient housekeepers, how to take care of their bodies and to use a tooth brush, drink water and use soap.

Successful, Though Austria of Trenches--Greek ders Fleet to Entente ighting on Somme.

Carso, front entrenchments between the V'pacco river and Hill 208 were captured. Here the town of Nova Villa and a strong position around the northern part of the attackers. Trenches in the Trentino region also have been won by the Italians and 530 Austrians made prisoners.

Transylvania the forces of the Teutonic allies, by combining their drive of the Rumanians along almost all of the front. Vavarán troops which captured the Rotherenthurm pass now have crossed the border into Roumania. According to Bucharest, which admits the retirement of the Rumanians around Kronstadt, the Teutonic attacks were repulsed south of the Kronstadt, with heavy casualties to the attackers.

Beerlin concedes the capture by the French of a German salient near Verdandovillers south of the Somme river in France, and also by the British of first line trenches near Verdandovillers. The French repulsed counter-attacks of the Germans on the newly captured positions of the French in the Chaumes wood have been repulsed. In the Vosges mountains the Germans invaded French trenches but later were driven out.

On the Struma river in Greek Macedonia the British have made a town of the Bulgarians occupying the towns of Papalova and Resenli while the French have taken trenches on the heights west of Devdji, which lies on the Greek-Serb an border southwest of Doiran.

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—The state highway commissioned has apportioned \$110,000 of the federal aid fund in this state. The counties of the flood district get the most of the money, Wilkes county leading with \$25,000. The counties and their amounts follow: Person, \$10,000; Madison, \$9,500; Henderson, \$10,000; Burke, \$8,500; Randolph, \$12,000; Caswell, \$5,000; McDowell, \$10,000; Wilkes, \$25,000; Avery, \$5,000; Johnston, \$4,000; Carteret, \$1,000. In addition the Wilmington-Fayetteville highway gets \$7,500 and Mecklenburg and Gaston count es, \$10,000 between

The quarterly meeting of the highway commission also resulted in the adoption of a standard sign to mark the roads which are a part of the state highway system. The sign will be a circular one, 10 inches in diameter, with two inches of the outer

The report of the State Highway Engineer Fallis, made public today, shows that the commission is now making plans for over 25 new bridges of 200-foot span or more and that engineers and other men connected with the commission have been salvaging and reconstructing many of the bridges put out of commission by the floods.

AMERICAN VESSEL STOPPED STEAMER

(By Associated Press.)
New York Oct. 12.—Indication that an American patrol has been placed on duty along the north Atlantic coast was given today when an American steamship arriving from Cuban ports reported that off the Jersey coast about 6 o'clock this morning an American destroyer dashed up and circled his ship several times. The captain said he showed the national colors and the destroyer immediately headed northeast, soon disappearing.

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Second Days'

of Society Here

This proved to be the hardest task of all for the Chinese are averse to the use of water.

The Bible is a most important subject taught and Mrs. Hoy told of 5 girls who had learned the entire New Testament by heart. Mrs. Hoy told of the eagerness of the older women to learn—one woman in her class being 70 years old. She also described the primitive homes of the people who live in the interior of China, of the homes without windows, so that devils might not enter, the dirt floors and the poverty of the homes. The address closed with a most vivid contrast between the heathen home of China and the Christian home of America.

Mrs. Hoy had a most sympathetic audience and her talk was thoroughly enjoyed.